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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2002. It is accompanied by a petition for a three month extension of time and the requisite fee, making this a timely response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-66805/RFT/NBC).

AMENDMENT

In The Claims

Please amend claims 7, 9, 11 and 12 as follows:

7. A composition for targeting double stranded nucleic acids, said composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an effective amount of a padlock probe oligonucleotide having two free nucleic acid end parts which are at least partially complementary to and capable of hybridizing with at least substantially neighboring